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CITY OF DAMASCUS ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008



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VISION FOR THE CITY OF DAMASCUS

Gathering Places

- ▶ *Farmers' Markets*
- ▶ *Transportation that connects, not divides*
- ▶ *Mixed Use*
- ▶ *Culture / Arts*
- ▶ *Destinations*
- ▶ *Civic Life*
- ▶ *Concentrated Development*
- ▶ *Schools in Neighborhoods*

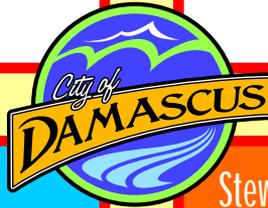
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Rural / Nature

- ▶ *Trail System*
- ▶ *Street Trees*
- ▶ *Small-Town Feel*
- ▶ *Agriculture*
- ▶ *Dark Sky*

YOUTH / STUDENTS

FAMILIES / PROFESSIONALS / SENIORS



Multi-Modal

- ▶ *Transportation Linkages*
- ▶ *Brings People Together*
- ▶ *Range of Choices*
- ▶ *Reduce Auto Dependency*
- ▶ *Brings People/Goods to Damascus*
- ▶ *Innovation*
- ▶ *People Work Where They Live / Reduce Commuting*
- ▶ *Connects With Region*

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Stewards of Our Environment

- ▶ *Sustainable Development*
- ▶ *Renewable Practices*
- ▶ *Protect Sensitive Areas*
- ▶ *Innovation*
- ▶ *New Technology*
- ▶ *Utilize Local Resources*
- ▶ *Social Capital*
- ▶ *Strive for a Carbon-Neutral Footprint*

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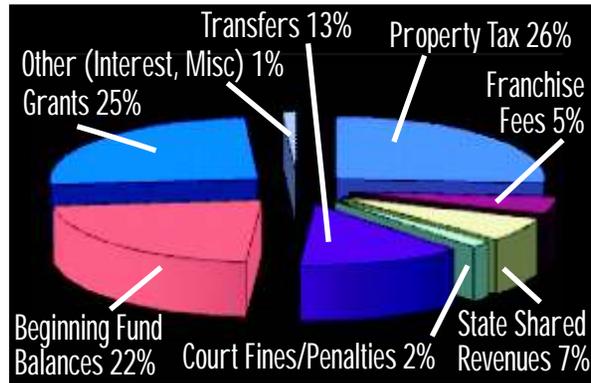
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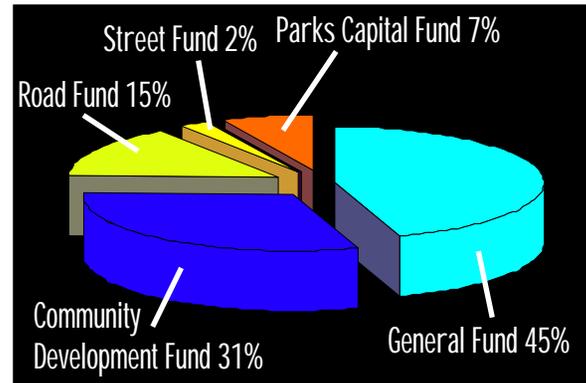
The budget committee approved and the city council adopted expenditure levels for each of the city's six funds and approved a property tax rate of \$3.30 (no increase) per thousand dollars of assessed value. The complete budget is available on the city website at www.ci.damascus.or.us.

2008-09 Budgeted Revenue

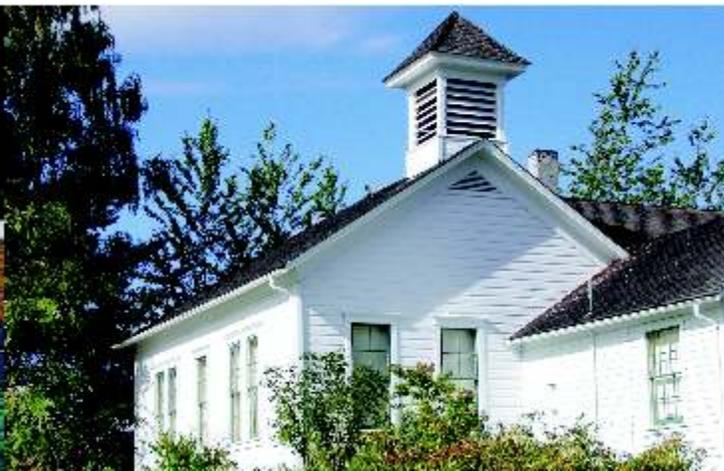
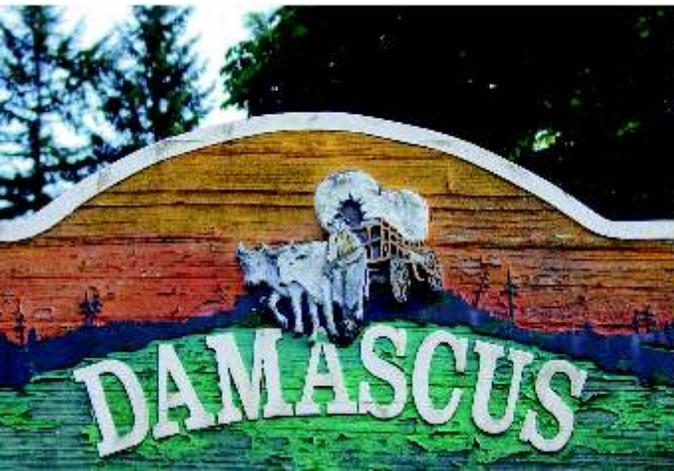
Property Tax	\$2,708,578
Franchise Fees	\$481,277
State Shared Revenues	\$636,504
Court Fines/Penalties	\$159,500
Transfers	\$1,325,995
Beginning Fund Balances	\$2,330,000
Grants	\$2,633,540
Other (Interest, Misc)	\$108,050
TOTAL	\$10,383,444



2008-09 Budgeted Expenses



General Fund	\$4,686,766
Community Development Fund	\$3,166,297
Road Fund	\$1,567,384
Street Fund	\$213,000
Tax Anticipation Note Fund	\$25,000
Parks Capital Fund	\$724,997
TOTAL	\$10,383,444



DAMASCUS

As of November 4, 2008 the City of Damascus will be four years old. Starting the city has been and continues to be a unique, challenging, and rewarding opportunity. To the credit of all those involved, many community projects have been completed or are now underway. The city council, with the help of the staff and citizen committee members, has guided the activities and projects through a strategic planning process, and there have been many significant accomplishments. This annual report details major accomplishments between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, and anticipated projects and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2008–2009. For additional information, access the city website at www.ci.damascus.or.us or call City Hall at 503-658-8545.

CITY COUNCIL



From back, L to R: Council President Jim Wright, Mayor Dee Wescott, and Councilors Andrew Jackman, Randy Shannon, Barb Ledbury, Diana Helm, and David Jochen

CITY OF DAMASCUS MISSION STATEMENT

Provide wise and effective stewardship of the citizens' trust and resources in creating an extraordinary city.

Our city will:

- ♦ Provide a complete community where people can live, work, play, shop, and learn
- ♦ Be founded on principles of economic, social, and environmental sustainability
- ♦ Grow in a planned, efficient, balanced, and logical manner, as defined by the community
- ♦ Be vibrant in its economic, cultural, and civic life
- ♦ Have an innovative and flexible local government
- ♦ Engage and encourage citizen participation, action, and leadership

CITY STAFF



Back Row: Anita Yap, Community Development Director; Linda Richardson, Administrative Specialist; Mark Hess, Senior Planner; Bob Short, Associate Planner; Erika Palmer, Associate Planner; Tammie Milkes, Public Involvement Coordinator; Teresa Howland, Municipal Court Clerk; Penny Morrison, Executive Assistant; Julie Rushton, Accountant. Front Row: Steve Gaschler, Public Works Director; Kim Dodrill, Administrative Specialist; Dan O'Dell, Finance Director; Jim Bennett, City Manager; Theresa Nation, Administrative Specialist; Chris Alfino, GIS Technician

Fiscal Year 2007–2008 Major Accomplishments & Highlights

New Programs & Services:

- Municipal Court
- Street Maintenance Program
- Code-Compliance Program
- Automated Customer Request Program
- Park and Street Funds Established

Awards and Recognition:

- City Earns National Award for Community Visioning
- Damascus Presents at Local and National Conferences
- LCDC Acknowledges Goal One, Citizen Involvement Program
- Oregon Mayor's Association Awards Damascus Youth 1st Place in "If I Were Mayor" Contest

New Citizen-Involvement Committees Formed:

- Committee for Citizen Involvement
- Natural Features Phase II Topic Specific Team
- Development Code Topic Specific Team

New Staff Hired:

- City Manager
- Public Works Director
- Court Clerk
- Senior Planner
- GIS Planning Technician
- Administrative Specialist

Damascus Hosted:

- Secretary of State Presentation on Global Warming
- International Society of City and Regional Planners
- Clackamas Cities Association Dinner
- Good Morning Damascus Meeting
- Oregon Land Conservation & Development Commission Meetings
- Red Cross Blood Drives & CERT Training
- Oregon State Forestry Board

Other Major Accomplishments:

- Comprehensive Plan Survey on Website
- City Holds First Annual Clean-Up Day
- Council Passes Measure 49 Ordinance
- Council & Staff Support Schools' Activities
- City Participates in Emergency Preparedness Training
- Over 600 Citizens Attend 16 Subarea Planning Meetings
- Police Crime Reduction and Traffic Safety Programs
- City Serves on Day in Damascus Planning Committee/Hosts City Booth

OVER THE NEXT YEAR LOOK FORWARD TO:

- Formation of a planning commission
- Completion of the city's comprehensive plan and development code
- Planning grant revenue totaling \$1,908,543
- City's share of the Metro Open Space Bond (\$724,997 for open space land acquisition)
- Planning News Quarterly mailed to all property owners
- Anderson Road reconstruction project
- Local roads pavement/reconstruction project
- Local roads culvert/ditch project
- State gas tax collections of about \$445 K for more city road projects
- Completed sidewalks on Highway 212 between Wiese and Rust Roads
- November election: Mayor and Council Positions 1, 2, and 6
- Citizen vote on system development charges, franchise fees, and user fees
- Second annual free solid-waste collection day
- Urban Forestry Ordinance adopted
- Selection of a city brand
- Further development of the city's disaster preparedness plan
- Urban services agreements with water and sewer providers
- Water, sewer, and stormwater master plans

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

On behalf of the mayor and the council, the city takes this opportunity to thank the citizens of Damascus for your continued support and participation in citizen involvement activities. Over the past year the citizens of Damascus took part in or attended the Budget Committee, Community Coordination Committee, topic-specific team and council meetings, open houses, planning workshops, subarea planning community workgroups, the city manager–selection meet-and-greet, polls, surveys, contests, city-sponsored Christmas and Halloween activities, and event sponsorships and donations. Citizens also contributed articles to and feedback on the Damascus City News. Special thanks go out to those who took leadership positions on our committees.